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- 1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY A LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN REGARDING THE BENCHMARK SURVEY OF US DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD-1977. HE WONDERED WHAT WAS THE RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN THIS USDOC SURVEY AND A SIMILAR RECENT EMBASSY QUESTIONNAIRE ON US INVESTMENT. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AS WELL.
- 2. IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL (A), THE EMBASSY CIRCULATED TO 16 LOCAL AMERICAN FIRMS 4 PAGE INVESTMENT QUESTIONNARIES, SOLICITING INVESTMENT INFORMATION PER REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS. AFTER A TWO MONTH CAMPAIGN THE EMBASSY PROVIDED THE REQUIRED REPORT TO WASHINGTON (REFTEL (B)). NOW, THE BENCHMARK SURVEY HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SENT TO SOME OF THESE SAME AMERICAN FIRMS.
- 3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO INFORMATIONAL PROJECTS AND GUIDANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR RESPONDING TO THE FIRMS WHO ARE INQUIRING ALONG THESE LINES, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE SANCTIONS CITED IN THE USDOC REQUEST. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE A LIST OF THE FIRMS IN THIS COUNTRY TO WHICH USDOC SENT THE BENCHMARK SURVEY.
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